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16. (Amended) The process of claim 1, further comprising obtaining a wet web of paper and white water from dewatering the suspension on the wire, recirculating white water and introducing fresh water to form a suspension containing cellulosic fibers, and optional fillers, to be dewatered, wherein the amount of fresh water introduced is less than 20 tons per ton of dry paper produced.

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18. (Amended) A process for the production of paper which comprises:

(i) providing a suspension containing cellulosic fibers, and optional fillers;

(ii) adding to said suspension a drainage and retention aid comprising a cationic organic polymer having an aromatic group;

(iii) forming and dewatering the obtained suspension on a wire to obtain a wet web of paper and white water,

(iv) recirculating white water and introducing fresh water to form a suspension containing cellulosic fibers, and optional fillers, to be dewatered, wherein the amount of fresh water introduced is less than 30 tons per ton of dry paper produced.

Please add the following new claims:

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- -21. (New) The process of claim 1, wherein the suspension that is dewatered on the wire has a content of di- and multivalent cations of at least 300 ppm.

22. (New) A process for the production of paper which comprises;

(i) providing a suspension containing cellulosic fibres, and optional fillers,

(ii) adding to said suspension a drainage and retention aid comprising a cationic organic polymer having an aromatic group;

(iii) forming and dewatering the obtained suspension on a wire, wherein the suspension that is dewatered on the wire has a conductivity of at least 2.0 mS/cm and obtaining a wet web of paper and white water, recirculating white water and